

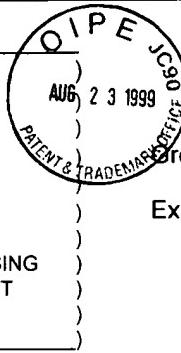
**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicants: Elazar Rabbani et al.

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Title: COMPOSITION OF MATTER COMPRISING  
PRIMARY NUCLEIC ACID COMPONENT  
(As Previously Amended)



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Honorable Commissioner  
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**Attention: Box Sequence**

**SECOND AMENDMENT IN CONNECTION WITH NOTICE  
TO COMPLY WITH REQUIREMENTS FOR PATENT APPLICATIONS  
CONTAINING NUCLEOTIDE SEQUENCE AND/OR AMINO ACID  
SEQUENCE DISCLOSURES UNDER 37 C.F.R. §§1.821-1.825**

Dear Sirs:

Applicants are submitting this Second Amendment in connection with the Notice to Comply With Requirements For Patent Applications Containing Nucleotide Sequence And/Or Amino Acid Sequence Disclosures referenced in the Office Action issued February 17, 1999 in connection with the instant application. While Applicants copy of the aforementioned Office Action did not contain the Notice To Comply With Requirements For Patent Applications Containing Nucleotide Sequence And/Or Amino Acid Sequence Disclosures, Applicants are nevertheless submitting this Amendment pursuant to the requirements of the Notice.

**PLEASE AMEND THIS APPLICATION AS FOLLOWS:**

**In the Specification:**

Page 23, after the last paragraph, kindly replace the sequence listing with the attached 13 pages inserted directly after this page and before page 24.

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